Hello Burnett Cousins and fellow researchers,

My next correction to some information found in Vol, 1 of "The Burnett's and their Connections" involves the claim on page five that states, John BURNETT of Essex County VA had a brother William.[1]

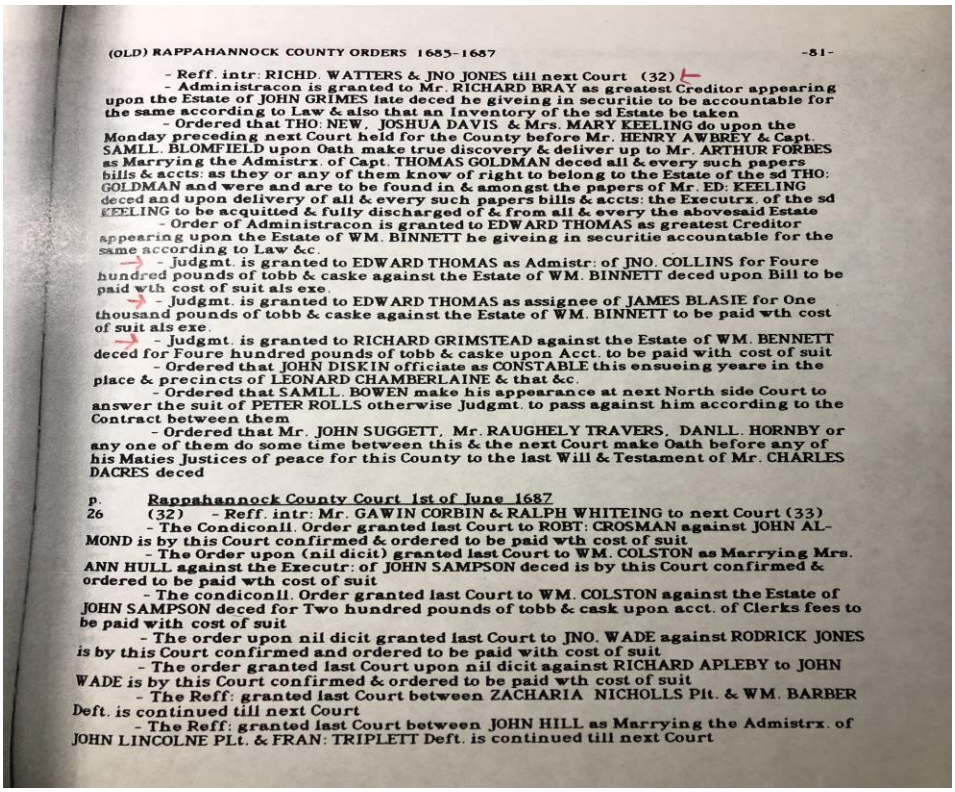
June BORK makes the following statements.

1687 JUN 1 *Order of Administration is granted to Edward THOMAS as greatest creditor appearing upon the Estate of William BURNETT, he giving in security to be accountable for the same according to law. Judgment is granted Edward THOMAS as assignee of James BLASIE for 1050 lbs of tobacco against the Estate of William BURNETT*[2]

Judgment is granted to Edward THOMAS as Admr. of John COLLINS for 480 lbs of tobacco against the Estate of William BURNETT. Judgment is granted to Richard GRIMSTEAD against the estate of William BURNETT for 603 lbs of tobacco & caske.[3]

[Note: remember, a year earlier, Richard GRIMSTEAD was appointed to inventory Estate of John BURNETT, Dec'd. I wonder if it is merely a coincidence that John and William BURNETT died so close together. There were great Indian Wars going on •••? John had a younger brother named William, born 1622 in Aberdeen, Scotland].[4]

If you examine the above court records you will see it does NOT say BURNETT,



(OLD) RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY ORDERS 1685-1687 -81-

- Reff. intr: RICHD. WATTERS & JNO JONES till next Court (32)
- Administracon is granted to Mr. RICHARD BRAY as greatest Creditor appearing upon the Estate of JOHN GRIMES late deced he giveing in securitie to be accountable for the same according to Law & also that an Inventory of the sd Estate be taken
- Ordered that THO: NEW, JOSHUA DAVIS & Mrs. MARY KEELING do upon the Monday preceding next Court held for the County before Mr. HENRY AWBREY & Capt. SAMLL. BLOMFIELD upon Oath make true discovery & deliver up to Mr. ARTHUR FORBES as Marrying the Admistrx. of Capt. THOMAS GOLDMAN deced all & every such papers bills & accts: as they or any of them know of right to belong to the Estate of the sd THO: GOLDMAN and were and are to be found in & amongst the papers of Mr. ED: KEELING deced and upon delivery of all & every such papers bills & accts: the Executrx. of the sd KEELING to be acquitted & fully discharged of & from all & every the abovesaid Estate
- Order of Administracon is granted to EDWARD THOMAS as greatest Creditor appearing upon the Estate of WM. BINNETT he giveing in securitie accountable for the same according to Law &c.
- Judgmt. is granted to EDWARD THOMAS as Admistr: of JNO. COLLINS for Foure hundred pounds of tobb & caske against the Estate of WM. BINNETT deced upon Bill to be paid wth cost of suit als exe.
- Judgmt. is granted to EDWARD THOMAS as assignee of JAMES BLASIE for One thousand pounds of tobb & caske against the Estate of WM. BINNETT to be paid wth cost of suit als exe.
- Judgmt. is granted to RICHARD GRIMSTEAD against the Estate of WM. BENNETT deced for Foure hundred pounds of tobb & caske upon Acct. to be paid with cost of suit
- Ordered that JOHN DISKIN officiate as CONSTABLE this ensueing yeare in the place & precincts of LEONARD CHAMBERLAINE & that &c.
- Ordered that SAMLL. BOWEN make his appearance at next North side Court to answer the suit of PETER ROLLS otherwise Judgmt. to pass against him according to the Contract between them
- Ordered that Mr. JOHN SUGGETT, Mr. RAUGHELY TRAVERS, DANLL. HORNBY or any one of them do some time between this & the next Court make Oath before any of his Maties Justices of peace for this County to the last Will & Testament of Mr. CHARLES DACRES deced

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(32) - Reff. intr: Mr. GAWIN CORBIN & RALPH WHITEING to next Court (33)
- The Condiconll. Order granted last Court to ROBT: CROSMAN against JOHN ALMOND is by this Court confirmed & ordered to be paid wth cost of suit
- The Order upon (nil dicit) granted last Court to WM. COLSTON as Marrying Mrs. ANN HULL against the Executr: of JOHN SAMPSON deced is by this Court confirmed & ordered to be paid wth cost of suit
- The condiconll. Order granted last Court to WM. COLSTON against the Estate of JOHN SAMPSON deced for Two hundred pounds of tobb & cask upon acct. of Clerks fees to be paid with cost of suit
- The order upon nil dicit granted last Court to JNO. WADE against RODRICK JONES is by this Court confirmed and ordered to be paid with cost of suit
- The order granted last Court upon nil dicit against RICHARD APLEBY to JOHN WADE is by this Court confirmed & ordered to be paid wth cost of suit
- The Reff: granted last Court between ZACHARIA NICHOLLS Plt. & WM. BARBER Deft. is continued till next Court
- The Reff: granted last Court between JOHN HILL as Marrying the Admistrx. of JOHN LINCOLNE Plt. & FRAN: TRIPLETT Deft. is continued till next Court

The records are for a William BENNETT (sic) BINNETT.[5]

NOTE: Richard GRIMSTEAD was the local magistrate in Essex County, he helped settle and administer many estates in the county.

On page eight in The Burnett's and their Connections, William BURNETT, supposed brother of John has been assigned a son.[6] The following are statements from the book.

1C) Thomas BURNETT SENIOR. son of William BURNETT (?) and

"*Thomas was born at least by 1660 when the "younger Thomas BURNETT Junr." was born In Old Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was still living in Essex County on 12 November 1714, when he was fined for not attending his church parish. In 1717, Thomas BURNETT Senr. did not appear In Court and again. In 1728, his wife JANE acknowledged a deed. However, this record said, "Jane BURNETT, WIFE OF THOMAS BURNETT ••• " end did not say, "· •• Thomas Burnett, deceased" so I am assuming Thomas was still living In 1728. He owned land, but I did not find a record of him disposing it and did not find any other record after 1728. They possibly Left the area, perhaps to Spotsylvania County where Amy Gatewood Burnett and her second husband moved to in 1730."*[7]

"John BURNETT I (1610-1686) did have a brother named Thomas, christened 15 MAY 1619 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Aberdeen, Scotland, but if this were the same Thomas of our profile living in 1714/7, it would make his age at almost 100 years old. I would rather believe he was not the brother of John, but a very close relative, perhaps a nephew. Remember, a William BURNETT soon after John (1). John (1) also had a brother named William, christened likewise at St. Nicholas on 28 January 1622 and may be the William who died in Old Rappahannock County, Virginia in 1687, making his age at 65 at death. The only thing for certain, HE WAS OLDER THAN JOHN'S SON, Thomas BURNETT Junr. I found no children mentioned that this Thomas and Jane BURNETT could have had. Maybe descendants will be found later. Did Thomas move??? His records in Essex County:" [8]

The above statements are rambling, confusing and nowhere in the narrative is there any solid evidence or documentation of any kind to link these two men as father and son, nor to link William to John as a brother. The publication "John and Lucretia BURNETT of Essex County VA" shows that John BURNETT who married Lucretia was NOT connected to the House of Leys in Scotland.[9]

Conclusion: **There was no William BURNETT, there was a William BENNETT as the records show.**

John BURNETT of Essex did not have a brother William, nor was there a William BURNETT who had son named Thomas BURNETT. Once again, a person was fabricated, made up to fit the authors need to link their line back to a titled Scottish line.

Thomas BURNETT who married the widow, Jane POWELL, DID exist; he was the son of John and Lucretia BURNETT of Essex County VA. There are numerous records to prove this. His family timeline will be the focus of my next installment of corrections. His records are lengthy, stay tuned.

Happy Hunting,
Mary Nell Burnet

ENDNOTES

[1] "The Burnett's and Their Connections", June (BALDWIN) BORK, 1989, pg.5
[2] Rappahannock Co, Va · Order Bk 2:32.
[3] Ibid.
[4] The Burnett's and Their Connections", June Baldwin Bork, 1989, pg.5
[5] "Virginia County Court Records, Order Book abstracts of Old Rappahannock County, Virginia, 1685-1687", Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, Virginia, 1990, pg. 81
[6] The Burnett's and Their Connections", June Baldwin Bork, 1989, pg.8
[7] Ibid.
[8] Ibid.
[9] John and Lucretia Burnett of Essex County VA by Mary Nell Burnett and Susan Kromer Hunt 2020.